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ARTEMUS WARD VISITS ABE LINCOLN

"'Repose in Abraham's Buzzum,'" said one of the orifice seekers, his idee being to git off a goak at my expense.

"'Wall,'" says I, "ef all you fellers repose in that buzzum, there'll be mity poor nussin for some of you!"—whereupon Old Abe bettoned his weinkit clear up and blaast like a maiding of sweet 16. Jest at this pint of the conversation another swarm of orifice seekers arrove and cum pilin into the parlor. Sum wanted post orifices, sum wanted collectorships, sum wanted forrin misluns, and all wanted sunthin. I tho't Old Abe would go crazy. He hadn't more time to shake hands with em, but another sunshiny crowd come pore-in on his promiss. His house and door-yard was now perfectly overflooded with orifice seekers, all clamorin for a hangeth interview with Old Abe. One man from Ohio, who had about seven inches of corn whiskey in him, mis-

"By giving the whole country a good sound administration. By pouring life into the troubled waters, North and South!"

"By pursuing a patriotic, firm and just course, and then if any State wants secession, let her secede!"

"How about my cabinet, Mr. Ward?"

And Abe:

"Fill it up with Showmen, sir! Showmen are devoid of politics. They haven't got a darn principle! They know how to cater to the public. They know what the public wants, North and South. Showmen, sir, is honest men. If you doubt their literary ability, look at their columns, and see small bills! If you want a Cabinet as is a Cabinet all it is up with Showmen, but don't call on me. The moral law figger perfunctum must not be permitted to go down while there's a drop of blood in these veins! A. Lincoln, I wish you well. Eff Powers or

But, said the President, I hope you don't help the foolish rascal out till he got a pretty good soaking. He got soaked enough before we got to him, says I, or he was just ready to sink for the last time, and our logs come pesky near getting scattered, and if they had, we should all gone to the bottom together. And now General, this is just what I think: you let South Carolina cut the lashings you'll see such a log-rolling in this country as you never see yet. The old General started up and marched across the floor like a boy. Says he, Major Downing, ain't no such a thing as a little while my name is Andrew Jackson. Tell South Carolina to have his company asleep on their backs every night. I told him they should be ready at a moment's warning. I wish you would just give cousin Ephraim up to Augusta a jog to know he don't write to me and let me know how the Legislature is getting along. I remain your loving friend,
MAJOR JACK DOWNING.

able engineer officer at her command and she was
 had been bidding high for one. This was
 of a military bridge, which it is
 necessary to build in the face of an ene-
 "," is spoken of. It is well under-
 that allusion is made to the position
 Fort Moultrie, and the emergency like
 to arise in attacking it. In order to
 the reader some idea of this harbor, it
 fortifications in this harbor, I wish
 to briefly their location. They are
 in number, namely, Fort Moultrie, Fort
 Sumpter, and Castle Pinckney. This
 is of South Island, which is
 within the corporate limits of
 within the City of Charleston, and
 of the main land by a narrow
 channel, which sometimes at low
 water may be forded, though it would be
 a very unimpracticable thing for an attacking
 force to rely on this method of approach.
 It is precisely here that the
 words spoken of, as is now clearly
 shown, will be wanted, and it is said that
 means of supplying the want is in

A musical rat comes out in the house of Mr. Ross, at Albany, N. Y., squats on its haunches, and accompanies the piano with very good music.

Packages have been received at the post-office, in Alexandria, Va., directed to "Alexandria, Virginia, Southern Confederacy."

The Frankfort Commonwealth has manufactured a new word, "foolunatics," demanded by and manufactured for the present crisis.